



Doris

Hello! My name is Doris Mawuena Agra, and I am currently the **Capacity Development Coordinator** here at To Be Worldwide Ghana! I love being with children and the lively squad here in Takoradi is no exception. It's been an amazing journey so far, getting into the minds of these children who really have a burning desire to learn.

They are big minds tucked in small bodies entrusted into our care! I have discovered that many of the children can do better with more parental support. The centre is an open environment and we are always ready to give the children any assistance they may need. For those who live close to the centre, we casually pass by and greet them and their parents, just so the parents know that the children have something good going on at the library.

We are preparing towards the "I Want To Be Program" in August! I personally look forward to this because it serves as a defining moment for the children who get to attend. The program is going to set the tone for a huge shift in their attitude towards learning and their future, as it has for previous participants!

I hope children who daily come to the centre will go out there with their minds open to dream beyond their limits and ready to brave the because they can be anything they want to be!

Workshops

The first workshops held this year at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre were all about using old material around you to create something new. Recycle!! and if you are smart about it you could become an entrepreneur....we hope we were able to plant the seed for many new young entrepreneurs :-)



Our mission with the workshop Plastic and the Environment was to make children aware of the huge amounts of plastic being used in daily life and more important the huge amount of plastic that is being thrown in the streets and the environment.

We discussed limiting the use of plastic, recycling and showed them some great examples of how plastic was being recycled in Ghana. The kids promised to not to throw their plastic water sachets in the streets and to use the provided water-bottle for their water consumption.

In the workshop on "Making Bags" we again addressed recycling, this time using old clothing for example jeans to make bags. We really emphasized entrepreneurship in this workshop.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Madelon Mijster, Gaby Rappange, Monique Cornelissen, Berine Mijster en Lisa Kooyman and all their supporters for making these workshops possible.

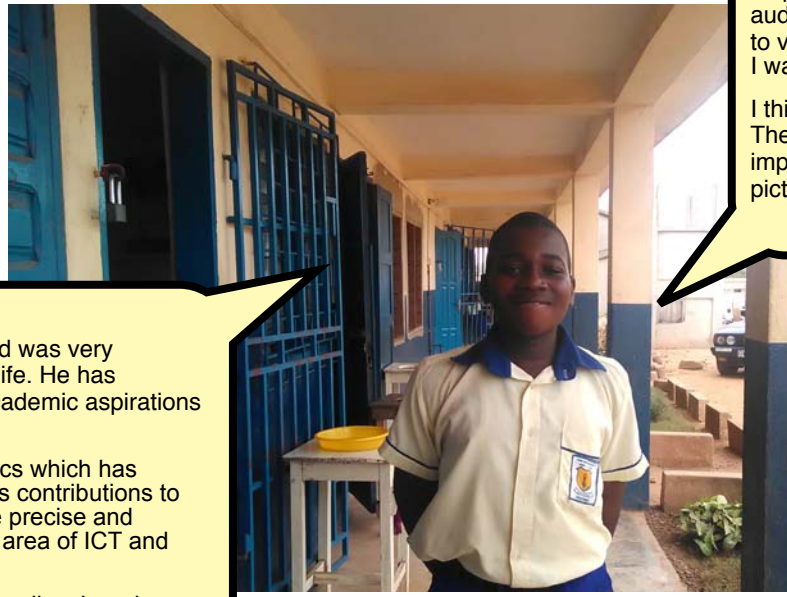
Takoradi Statistics

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| New registrations Library | : 540 | New registrations Computer | : 104 |
| Renewed memberships Library | : 60 | Total Books Borrowed | : 850 |

“ I Want To Be” Programme -impact and new plans

In our last newsletter you were able to read how successful the “I Want To Be” program was. We are very proud to share a personal experience of one of our participants with you. See what he has to say about the program and what his teacher has to say about the impact of the program. In August we will run the program again, now for 40 children. We have fine-tuned aspects of the program and **Sophie Geelen** our volunteer, has written a very detailed new manual for our facilitators to use. We are looking forward to the “kick off” for the new round on the 11th of August 2016!

Thanks Sophie!



“I learnt a lot from the program. It has helped me to talk confidently in front of an audience. Also I am now sociable. Going to visit the professionals was a good thing I want to be an architect.

I think the program should be repeated. The PowerPoint skills was also very important, Now I know how to transfer pictures onto a computer and display it.”

The program **Kobina** attended was very instrumental in his academic life. He has become more aware of his academic aspirations as well as career path.

This is evident in his academics which has shown great improvement. His contributions to topics in class has been more precise and encouraging especially in the area of ICT and Social Studies.

He is seriousness in class as well as learning has also improved.



Alumni Program

Two successful workshops were held for the Alumni. The first one was on **Job interviewing skills** and the other on **Debating and Argumentation** given by Serge Gijrath, friend of To Be Worldwide and professor of Law at the University of Leiden. Thank you Serge! Other developments in the Alumni program are the counseling program and the Alumni Support Fund that provides financial support for educational or start-up initiatives. Both programs are still in their trial phase, more on them later.



Joe presenting during job interviewing skills workshop



Nellie with all the Alumni who attended the workshop



Mr. Serge Gijrath with our Alumni

“Support us, So that we can lift them”

If you or a company or foundation you know would like to support our activities, please do not hesitate to let us know. contact us on + 31 653235888 or info@tobeworldwide.org

Volunteers

We were honored to have welcomed Hetty Knippen (for her second visit) and Pim van den Toorn to our Centre as Volunteers. Hetty worked on various language activities with the children, while Pim contributed to improving our Computer Course structure and teaching methods.

Would you like to volunteer at our Centre? Don't hesitate to contact us - info@tobeworldwide.org



Sports Activities

Supermaritime a Dutch company with a subsidiary in Takoradi, Ghana has donated new football gear (and balls) in the To Be Worldwide colours for 2 To Be Worldwide teams. We are grateful for their support and the boys are very proud to be wearing their colours at official games, giving them the opportunity to truly represent To Be Worldwide and promote our work. Thank you Mr. van der Laan and team.



Legendary **FC Amsterdam** donates their gear to To Be FC football players. The gear was well received and used immediately. We are still looking for a sponsor to help renovate the sports field for all to use. We also hope to launch a crowd-fund activity soon to raise funds...stay tuned.



Market/Retail Project coming up!

Imps & Elfs, a dutch children's clothing company, has donated a substantial amount of children's clothing to To Be Worldwide. Thank you Katja de Jong and team. We are excited about the possibilities for a great market/retail project this gives us. We will take a group of children through the whole process of organizing a sale from pricing structures, advertising, the actual sale and the cost calculations...stay tuned!



Cape Coast Statistics

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| New registrations | Library | : 125 |
| New registrations | Computer | : 45 |
| Books Borrowed | | : 1650 |

Outlook - Next 6 months 2016

- * Alumni Support Fund
- * I Want To Be Program
- * Cape Coast Community Engagement